

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**January 14, 2016 – Beach Street Middle School**

PRESENT: Mr. Gellar, Mr. Brady, Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Maginniss, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Ulrich

ABSENT: Mr. Zotto

ADMINISTRATORS: Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Rullan

ABSENT: None

ATTORNEY: Mr. Volz

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Meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Gellar made a statement regarding the status of a recent fire inspection at Westbrook. Westbrook was closed as a result of declining enrollment in 2012, and since 2013 the district has been renting space to various tenants. Annually, the building has been inspected – as required by law – and has consistently met all building codes, ensuring a safe and secure environment for its occupants. After a routine fire inspection this school year, we were informed that the building would need to make upgrades to its fire suppression sprinkler system. The district is working with its architect and New York State building inspectors to draw up plans that will be submitted to the State Education Department for approval, as required. The project will be competitively bid. It is anticipated that the project will take four to six months, and the impact to tenants will be minimized to the best of the district's ability. It is imperative that the district preserves and protects the community's investment in its facilities, while ensuring that those occupying the facilities do so in a safe and secure environment. The community will be provided with updated information as it becomes available.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Bob Ulrich, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2015 Regular Meeting.

**RECOGNITION:**

Music:

*Alexa Abbatiello, Charles Allegretto, Katelyn Barbour, Meghan Bevan, Nicholas Del Orfano, Joseph Delligatti, Madison Esposito, Julia Fetter, Sheila Flaherty, Adriana Garcia, Lindsey Gellar, Christina Gesele, Charles Hetterich, Joseph Hudson, Joseph Imburgia, James Khoury, Hannah Kim, Michael Marinelli, Matthew Mastroianni, Ryan McSweeney, Sara Mercurio, Roman Millet, Alexander Moy, Ryan O'Shea, Molly Perrone, Ryan Small, Sophia Stehlik, Rachel Swenson, Dean Timmons, Evan Trommer, Alec Vogel*

Athletic:

*Girls Varsity Gymnastics ~ Kimberly Arena, Hanna Battaglini, Lauren Coll, Caitlyn Leibman  
Girls Varsity Soccer ~ Vanessa Costantino, Cali Loeffler, Paige Sherlock  
Boys Varsity Soccer ~ Anthony Raineri, Genarro Vilardi  
Boys Varsity Cross Country ~ Daniel Cameron, Charles Hetterich, Kyle Kelly, Aidan Nowakowski  
Boys Varsity Volleyball ~ James Mattera  
Varsity Football ~ Sean Burke, George Gambuto, Michael Lombardi, James McCorvey  
Varsity Field Hockey ~ Emily Beier, Catherine Brudi*

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: Lauren Profeta, Special Education, effective January 19, 2016 to June 30, 2016 (Beach; Step 1<sup>6</sup> {prorated}; replacing R. Fulton {resigned}).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART-TIME APPOINTMENT (Change in Status): Brandy Chmela, ESL/ENL (.6), effective September 1, 2015, approved on August 13, 2015 (.5) (Elementary; Step 1<sup>4</sup>).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): (Pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993-12-week continuous medical coverage): Deanna Johnson, Special Education, effective December 23, 2015 through March 18, 2016 (Bayview).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): (Pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993-12-week continuous medical coverage): Patricia Portnoy, Business Education, effective February 1, 2016 through May 6, 2016 (High School).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): (Pursuant to the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993-12-week continuous medical coverage): Melanie Vecchione, Mathematics, effective January 8, 2016 through February 5, 2016 (Udall).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANTS: LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Joann Niesen, Teaching Assistant, effective February 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017 (Bayview).

Motion was made by Ron Maginniss, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Edward Macaluso, Jr., Custodial Worker I, effective January 2, 2016 (Beach).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Bob Ulrich and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Michael Hawkins, Chief Custodian, effective April 30, 2016 (Udall; 32 years).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Bruce Bockstruck, Custodial Worker I, effective January 19, 2016 (Beach; Step 1; replacing E. Macaluso, Jr. {resigned}).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Sasha Napoli, Paraprofessional, effective January 15, 2016 (High School; Step 1; new position).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: RESIGNATION: Edward Jablonski, Preferred Substitute, effective January 11, 2016 (High School).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: REGENTS REVIEW TEACHER: Tamra Burns, effective December 15, 2015 (January Regents).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CLUBS/ADVISORS 2015-2016: HIGH SCHOOL: Victoria Kavitt, Jazz Lab Advisor (prorated stipend), effective January 4, 2016 (replacing D. Kaufman {resigned}).

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CLUBS/ADVISORS 2015-2016: HIGH SCHOOL: Linda Gifford, National Honor Society (prorated stipend), effective January 11, 2016 (replacing E. Jablonski {resigned}).

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CLUBS/ADVISORS 2015-2016: HIGH SCHOOL: Richard Santeramo, Sets Director.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: CLUBS/ADVISORS 2015-2016: UDALL ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL: Michelle Bugliari, National Jr. Honor Society.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ENRICHMENT INSTRUCTORS SPRING 2016 (\$275 per session): Nikki Caputi (Legos Session); Lorrie Clifford (Babysitting and Hand Sewing); Jennifer Colonna (American Sign Language for Beginners and The Art of Friendship Bracelet Making); Justin DeMaio (Parlo Italian and Scrabbleopoly); Edwin Ermanovics (Super Delta Dart and Dragster Design and Construction); Tami Lombardi (Disney Delights and Internatinal Coorking); Christine Maniscalco (MakerSpace).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Annmarie LaRosa and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTOR (\$30 per hour): Marta Alpers, effective January 15, 2016; Kelly Case, effective January 15, 2016; Daniel Gilligan, effective January 15, 2016; Ryan Jensen, effective January 15, 2016; Andrew Lachs, effective January 15, 2016; Peter Miele, effective January 15, 2016; Stacy Polidoro, effective January 15, 2016; Rebecca Ramsey, effective January 15, 2016; Michael Rosenberg, effective January 15, 2016.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING (\$115 per diem): Marta Alpers, effective January 15, 2016; Kelly Case, effective January 15, 2016; Daniel Gilligan, effective January 15, 2016; Ryan Jensen, effective January 15, 2016; Andrew Lachs, effective January 15, 2016; Peter Miele, effective January 15, 2016; Stacy Polidoro, effective January 15, 2016; Rebecca Ramsey, effective January 15, 2016; Michael Rosenberg, effective January 15, 2016.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$85 per diem): Marta Alpers, effective January 15, 2016; Ryan Jensen, effective January 15, 2016; Andrew Lachs, effective January 15, 2016; Peter Miele, effective January 15, 2016; Stacy Polidoro, effective January 15, 2016; Rebecca Ramsey, effective January 15, 2016.

#### CURRICULUM UPDATE:

Dr. Rullan informed the audience that the Science Department will be obtaining Next-Generation materials to enhance instruction, IB students will be presenting group science projects on 1/20/16 and 1/22/16, 150 middle school students performed at the All District Musical Festival and several students will perform at the Long Island String Festival. Dr. Rullan also spoke about initiatives in the areas of art, health and professional development. Narcan training for school nurses will take place on 2/26/16.

#### REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Bob Ulrich reported on the meeting held on 1/12/16. Items reviewed included the November treasurer's report; November payroll summary; claims audit report; and December's System Manager Audit trail report. Warrants, November financial statements and approval of donations from West Islip Hoops Club for basketball uniforms and Box Tops for Education were also discussed. 2015-2016 Special Education Contract for Commack UFSD/summer and Consultant Services Contract for Top Grade were also reviewed.

Policy Committee: Kevin O'Connor reported on the meeting held on 1/12/16. Policies #7310 – 7362 were reviewed. First readings will take place at future meetings. The committee is also preparing a new policy regarding naloxone, the medicine to reverse the effects of opioids.

Buildings and Grounds: Scott Brady reported on the meeting held on 1/12/16. Items discussed included bond work for summer 2016 including roofs at some of the elementary schools, playgrounds for grades 1-5 and wiring infrastructure. Other items discussed were occupancy at Westbrook, receipt of flood insurance check and insurance inspections at Paul J. Bellew and Westbrook. Scott Brady also reported that Emerald Electric will donate the labor to the electric installation of the turf scoreboard.

Legislative Action Committee: A meeting did not take place this month but Mr. Gellar spoke about Governor Andrew Cuomo's budget proposal for the 2016-2017 school year. The Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) that will be restored will not be close to the \$2.08 million to which the district is entitled. Mr. Gellar encouraged residents to call, e-mail and write letters to our legislators. Letters are on the school website and can be dropped off at the District Office and school buildings.

Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education: Annmarie LaRosa reported on the meeting that took place on 1/13/16. Items discussed were CPSE/CSE placements for the month and everything was in order.

Health and Wellness Committee: Tim Horan reported on the meeting that was held on 1/13/16. Some of the items reviewed were the financial report, a new vendor to make social host signs, the upcoming newsletter and the "mindfulness" pilot program. Narcan training workshops are being offered to staff, the Commack Fire Department will be conducting a free Narcan training and a "Shed the Meds" event on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The "Courage to Speak Foundation" will be presenting a program focusing on the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes School in West Islip. The committee is also exploring community-wide events. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at Paul J. Bellew.

DASA Committee: Dr. Rullan reported on the meeting that was held on 1/5/2016. Some of the items discussed were peer mediation at the elementary schools, high school student ambassadors helping 8<sup>th</sup> grade students transition to 9<sup>th</sup> grade, recovering youths as guest speakers regarding drug and alcohol abuse and revising the Code of Conduct regarding transgender students. The committee is also considering an unsung hero award for students who have overcome a serious issue in their life.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The treasurer's report for November was presented. Beginning balance as of 10/30/15: \$20,393,015.79 ending balance as of 11/30/15: \$12,758,803.94.

Motion was made by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2015-2016 budget transfers 3271-3273.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2015-2016 Special Education Contract for Commack UFSD (July 1 – August 30, 2015).

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Ron Maginniss, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve 2015-2016 Consultant Services Contract for Top Grade.

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve donation from West Islip Hoops Club for Uniforms/Shirts valued at \$3,500.00 and Box Tops for Education to Manetuck Elementary in the amount of \$936.30.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Annmarie LaRosa, seconded by Scott Brady, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve acceptance of the results of the West Islip Secretarial Employees Memorandum of Agreement re: Collective Bargaining Agreement July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2017.

Motion was made by Bob Ulrich, seconded by Kevin O'Connor, and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to approve Resolution re: destruction of unused ballots and full ballot booklets from 5/19/2015 school budget vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Burns spoke about Governor Cuomo's recently released Executive budget proposal for the 2016-2017 school year.

Mrs. Burns also informed the audience that there will be a "Heroin & Prescription Drug Education and Awareness What You Need to Know" on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Islip Middle School Auditorium.

NOTICES/REMINDERS:

OTHER ITEMS:

On behalf of the LionHeart Foundation, Mr. Gellar thanked the Women of West Islip, District Office Secretaries, Lions Club, Sea Levels Restaurant as well as many other organizations that helped the less fortunate, including over 50 West Islip families during the holidays through donations to the foundation. Mr. Gellar thanked everyone involved for making a difference.

No residents wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public".

Motion was made by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Ron Maginniss and carried when all Board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:48 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:57 p.m. on motion by Kevin O'Connor, seconded by Scott Brady and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m. on a motion by Scott Brady, seconded by Kevin O'Connor and carried when all Board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Hock".

Mary Hock  
District Clerk

All correspondence, reports or related materials referred to in these minutes are on file in the District Office.